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63G-6a-609 Multiple stage bidding process.

- (1) A procurement unit that conducts a procurement using a bidding standard procurement process may use multiple stages to:
 - (a) narrow the number of bidders who will progress to a subsequent stage;
 - (b) prequalify bidders for subsequent stages, in accordance with Section 63G-6a-403;
 - (c) enter into a contract for a single procurement; or
 - (d) award multiple contracts for a series of upcoming procurements.
- (2) The invitation for bids for a multiple stage bidding process shall:
 - (a) describe the requirements for, and purpose of, each stage of the process;
 - (b) indicate whether the procurement unit intends to award:
 - (i) a single contract; or
 - (ii) multiple contracts for a series of upcoming procurements; and
 - (c) state that:
 - (i) the first stage is for prequalification only;
 - (ii) a bidder may not submit any pricing information in the first stage of the process; and
 - (iii) bids in the second stage will only be accepted from a person who prequalifies in the first stage.
- (3) During the first stage, the conducting procurement unit:
 - (a) shall prequalify bidders to participate in subsequent stages, in accordance with Section 63G-6a-403;
 - (b) shall prohibit the submission of pricing information until the final stage; and
 - (c) may, before beginning the second stage, request additional information to clarify the qualifications of the bidders who submit timely responses.
- (4) Contracts may only be awarded for a procurement item described in stage one of the invitation for bids.
- (5) The conducting procurement unit may use as many stages as it determines to be appropriate.
- (6) Except as otherwise expressly provided in this section, a procurement unit conducting a multiple stage bidding process under this section shall ensure compliance with this part.
- (7) The applicable rulemaking authority may make rules governing the use of a multiple stage process described in this section.